Parameters for according classical language status

1381. SHRI K. B. KRISHNAMURTHY: Will the Ministrer of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the parameters prescribed for according classical language status;

(b) the languages so far that have fulfilled all the conditions and have been accorded classical language status;

(c) whether Karnataka Government has requested to accord classical language status to Kannada language; and

(d) if so, the present status of the above proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) The following criteria was laid down by the Ministry of Home Affairs to determine the eligibility of languages to be considered for classification as a 'Classical Language'.

(i) High antiquity of its early texts/recorded history over a period of 1500-2000 years.

(ii) A body of ancient literature/texts, which is considered a valuable heritage by generations of speakers;

(iii) The literary tradition be original and not borrowed from another speech community; and

(iv) The classical language and literature being distinct from modern, there may also be a discontinuity between the Classical Language and its later forms or its offshoots.

(b) Sanskrit and Tamil.

(c) and (d) Ministry of Culture has received representations from various quarters for declaring Kannada as classical language. A Committee of Linguistic Experts has been constituted to examine the claims of any Indian Language for Classical Status. This Committee will advise the Government in the matter.

CBI investigation in Kendriya Vidyalayas

†1382. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA : Will the Ministrer of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether CBI has carried out any investigation with regard to the staff of Kendriya Vidyalayas;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, by when and the details of officers against whom investigation was done; and

(c) the action Government have taken against the persons found guilty after investigation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details are as follows:-

Sl. No.	Name and Designation of the officials	Year when investigation was started
01.	Shri B.N. Karade, Suspended Principal, Kendriya Vidyalaya, Ambajhari, Nagpur.	1999
02.	Shri S.D. Sharma, Suspended Principal, Kendriya Vidyalaya, Sewak Road.	2004
03.	Shri Maheshwar Paswan, Vice-Principal, Kendriya Vidayalaya, No. 2, Dhanbad.	2004
04.	Shri L.C. Sonkar, Retd. Principal, Kendriya Vidayalaya, Bijapur.	
05.	Shri R.C. Srivastava, Suspended Principal, Kendriya Vidyalaya, GAIL, Vijaypur.	2004
06.	Smt. Jayashridas Basu, Principal, Kendriya Vidyalaya, Khanapara	2005

(c) Investigation reports from CBI are yet to be received in the above cases.

Property Taxes owed to Central Universities and Colleges in Delhi

1383. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether U.G.C. has taken note of the fact that Central Unversities and Colleges in Delhi which have been receiving grants from U.G.C. have failed to make payment of Property Tax to the M.C.D. for a number of years;

(b) if so, the names of the Central Universities and Colleges in Delhi which did not make payment of Property Tax to the M.C.D.;

(c) the action taken by the U.G.C. against the defaulting institutions; and